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The City Hall in Cumberland, Maryland, is within a block bounded on the north by Bedford Street, on the east by Centre Street, on the south by Frederick Street and on the west by Liberty Street.

The Cumberland City Hall (c. 1911-1912) is a two-story stone-faced, neo-classical structure. A simple straightforward block underneath (notice the almost factory-like plain windows), City Hall has a thin "veneer" of neo-classical embellishments, and it is classically composed, being made up of stylobate (base), shaft (the two main floors), and capital (cornice and roof-top balustrade). The main entrance is flanked by giant, double pilasters with fluting; the cornice and balustrade above this entrance project slightly to become part of the overall entrance-pavilion treatment. Except for this entranceway and occasional other pilasters, the major wall areas are plain, broken only by the skillful emphasis of an irregular corner, into which the architect has recessed a curving "bay" within "pilasters" formed by the exposed ends of the front and side walls. The City Hall in Cumberland provides an interesting contrast with the Old Post Office across the street; built a decade later, it shows how far the interest in historical styles may be modified by functional demands. City Hall, with its "stripped-down" quality, is reminiscent of late eighteenth-century and early nineteenth-century buildings in England by architects such as Cockerell, Dance, and Soane. Many representations of Soane's huge building complex for the Bank of England show a corner which has been rounded, somewhat in the manner of the City Hall. In this country, Latrobe used a similar design. Forming a block in itself, City Hall occupies a crucial location in downtown Cumberland, and, is an important companion and compliment to the Old Post Office.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cumberland City Hall, built between 1911 and 1912, replaced an earlier structure erected 1873-1874 which burned on March 14, 1910. The firm of Holmboe and Lafferty designed the extant City Hall including its rounded corner. It was built at a cost of \$87,000. Wright Butler (1868-?1932), the architect of the 1894 Allegany County Courthouse located on the other side (west) of Wills Creek in Cumberland, was the contractor. On March 25, 1912, the City Council held its first meeting in its new quarters.

According to local Allegany countians, the City Hall is the only example of this sort of municipal architecture in Allegany County.

The mural on the interior of the rotunda dome depicts the early history of the city including representations of General Edward Braddock, and of George Washington. The artist was Gertrude du Brau.

The site has served civic functions since the 1840's at which time the city market was located there. The city rebuilt the old market house building in 1873-1874. The brick structure had housed the market on the ground floor, city offices and the Academy of Music, complete with an auditorium, on the south side of the second floor. Frank E. Davis of Baltimore had been employed as architect of the old market house building and City Hall.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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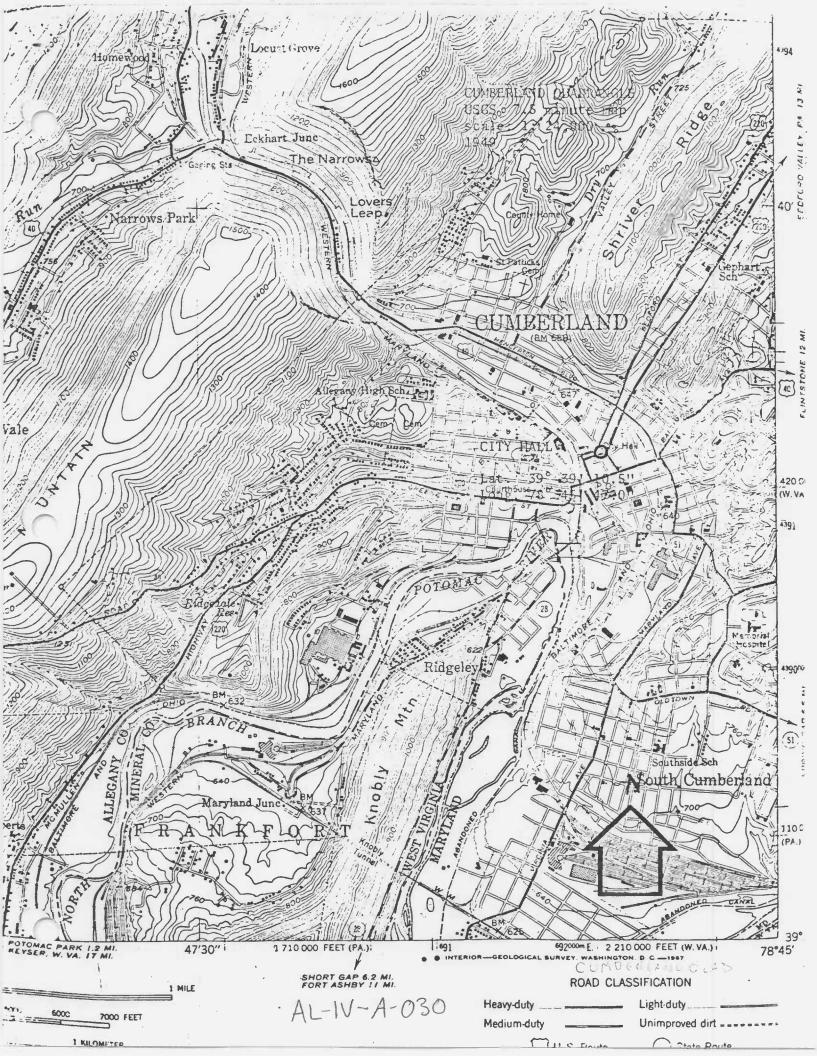
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Picture view is facing West.

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

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\$40,000 insurance paid on one that burned. 75,000 added; no bond issue necessary.

Slated for destruction by Urban Renewal; City taxpayers living in much older buildings demanded that it be saved. Tentative pland for museum at cost of \$200,000.

The rotunda of the City Hall shows beautiful art work depicting FORT CUMBERLAND and early history, done by Gertrude DuBrau.

City Hall accommodated 43,000 citizens at one time. Now considered too small for 29,000 of the 1970 census.

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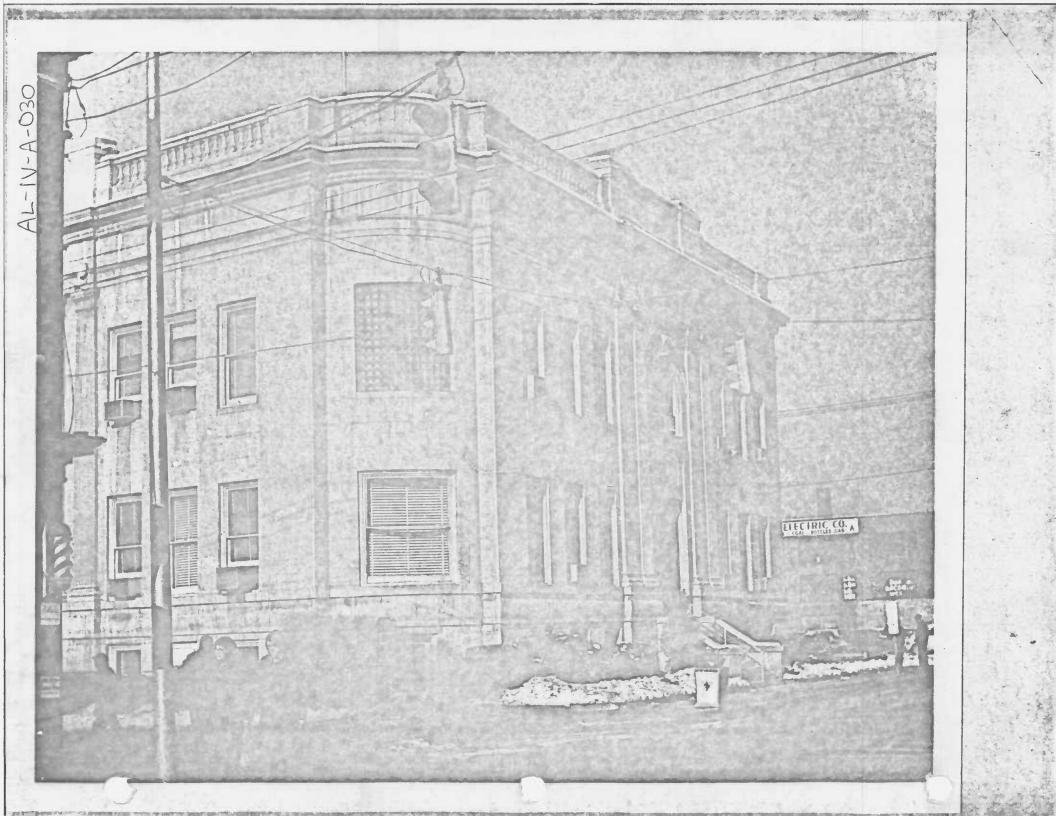
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As early as 1842, the Mayor and City Council met in a room of the Market House. This continued until 1872, when the City Fathers decided to purchase another parcel of land on the square on which they planned a market house and CITY HALL. It was begun in 1874 and completed in 1876. It was built of brick--18in. thinck walls; Rock foundation-4 ft. thick. Market house on ground floor covered 10,000 square ft. The contractor was Frank E. Davis of Baltimore, Md. Built at total cost of \$127,000. It housed Council Chamber, Mayor's office, Clerk's office, committee room, fraternal organizations room, Academy of Music. Burned Mar. 14, 1910.

An 1873 Directory shows that the CITY GOVERNMENT met in the Council Chamber-2nd floor of the Market House. The Mayor's office was in that room as well as the office of the City Clerk. The City Treasurer's office was at 72 Baltimore Street. The City Attorney's office was 36 Baltimore Street. There were 6 Councilmen in 1873.



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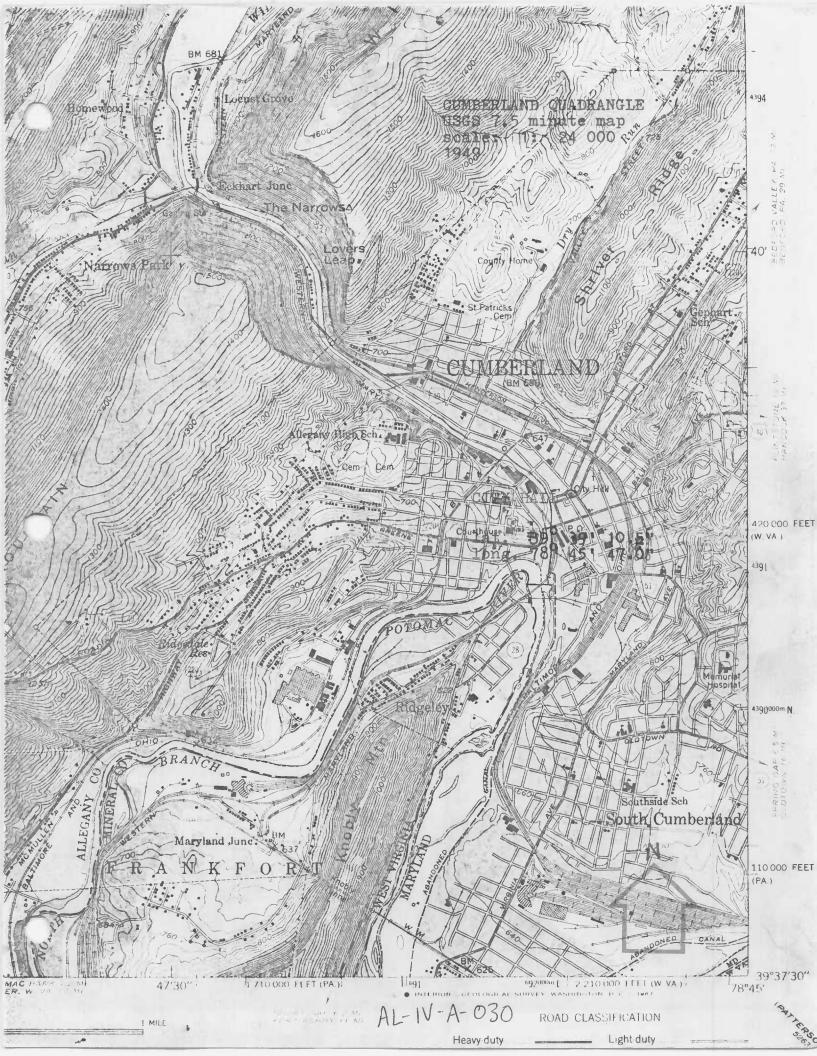
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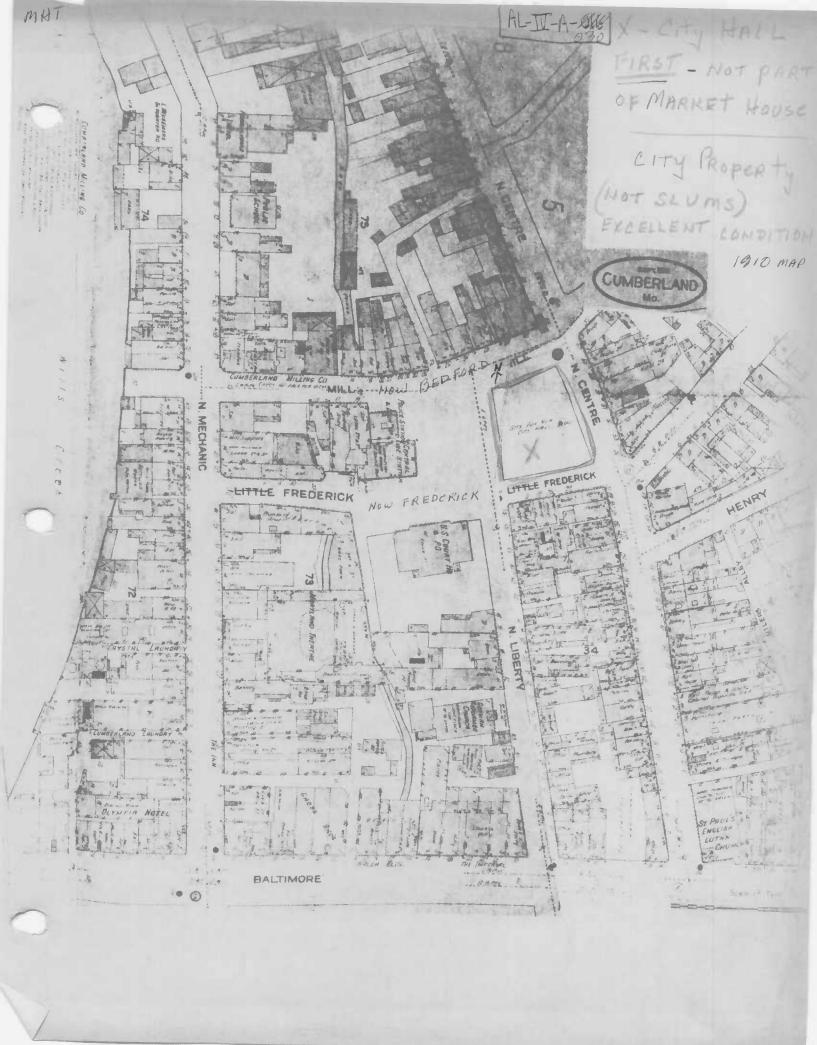
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